Australian Horticultural Corporation (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 1987

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House: House of Representatives
Presented by: The Hon. Barry Jones, M.P., Minister representing the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy

Digest of Bill

Purpose
To provide for the transfer of assets, liabilities and staff from the Australian Apple and Pear Corporation (AAPC) to the proposed Australian Horticultural Corporation (AHC), to provide for certain transitional arrangements as a result of the establishment of the AHC, and to amend the Apple and Pear Levy and Export Charge Acts consequential to the commencement of the Horticultural Levy and Export Charge Bills.

Background
Refer to the Digest of the Australian Horticultural Corporation Bill 1987.

Main Provisions
Clause 4 will provide that on the day this Bill commences, the assets and liabilities of AAPC will become the assets and liabilities of AHC.

AHC is to submit to the Minister a report and financial statements covering the operations of AAPC from the end of the period covered by its last report until the time of its abolition (clause 9).

Officers and employees of AAPC at the time of its abolition will be deemed to have been engaged by AHC on the day this Bill commences (clause 10).

Clause 11 will provide for payment from the Consolidated revenue Fund to AHC of amounts equal to the horticultural levy, export charge and related penalties.

Clause 16 will limit the application of the Apple and Pear Export Charge Act 1976 to the period until the day before the commencement of the Horticultural Export Charge Bill 1987. An analogous limitation will be imposed on the application of the Apple and Pear Levy Act 1976 (clause 18).

The Apple and Pear Stabilization Acts and Amendment Acts will be repealed by clause 19.